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## THE BEST YEARS

Which are the best years? That is a question which is the subject of many stories, plays, and movies, and which we eventually all ask ourselves.

There are those who always claim that the "old days" were the best days. But we suspect that even the old-timers who remember the old days as the "good old days," would not like to go back to the discomfort and lack of conveniences they experienced in the old days.

For millions of us, some years seem to have been great years. The march of history, and those ebb and flow of human events, causes some year or years to stand out in our mind as history-making or pivotal years in the the trend of civilization on this earth.

There was that era after the Franco-Prussian war and up to World War I, when industrial expansion and peace prevailed. That is, there was no World War for some forty-four years, and there were those who thought another World War would not erupt on the face of the earth. Then there was that period of the Twenties, remembered by so many, as roaring years, and those years of the turbulent dramas of the Thirties—as the world drifted into another World War.

But the answer to the question is that these years are the best years. The present years are the best. Our advice to every reader is to make the most of these the best year of all, so far, is 1958, and the best years of your life are now, and in the future—if you make them that.

And, one last thought worth considering is the inevitable fact that time never spends still. Make the most of your time today, and tomorrow, for today will never return, and each day you will have a little less of this most priceless of all life's commodities.

## UNION CHIEFS ON RECESSION

We have written a number of editorials on the current recession and we do not claim to be the last word, or last authority, on this subject. Nor do we claim that a major depression is imminent, or that the Administration is ill-advised in its approach to the problem.

However, we do agree with some of the statements expressed by labor's top leaders at the White House recently—during a call on the President for an effort to persuade him to take active steps to check the recession.

Among the Labor leaders who called on the President was David McDonald, President of the Steel Workers' Union, and one of the major figures in the AFL-CIO. McDonald pointed out that nothing can sustain the overall economy in the United States while the steel industry continues to produce 40% less steel than a year ago. He pointed out that there were 214,000 steel workers unemployed in February, and 353,000 others working only part-time — one half the Union's entire membership. Others are familiar with the lay-offs in the automotive industry. McDonald, however, went beyond figures. "Just think what this means to those families, to their neighborhood merchants, to their entire community," he said. And it must also be added, that the plight of the America is equally as vital to the nation's economy. Present policies are slowly pushing the American farmer toward the bottom of the economic ladder. The trend must be reversed, not accelerated.

A depression is something this country cannot afford. Especially in an era when it is being so stoutly challenged by Moscow.

What is more, we are now experiencing just what the Communists have predicted the United States would experience, sharp recessions, or a depression. This is what the Communists have counted on to enable them to overtake us industrially. With unemployed around 6,000,000 and perhaps even a large number working only part-time, it appears to us that dynamic action is needed before the situation snowballs out of hand as it did in the late 1920's. The human factor in great masses of unemployed is a tinder box and will not be appeased by a policy of just sitting and waiting.

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## THE LITTLE CARS

The automotive magazines and the trend in sales in the United States indicate that this country is going in for the smaller automobiles There are those who believe that European models will take over a large segment of the American market.

We do not agree with this prediction. We believe that in recent years a growing need for a small car has been felt by many families, some of them already owning one car. The small car has its good points, especially concerning economy, and often makes an ideal second car.

On the other hand, for the one-car family, the very nature of our country, its highways, and our large areas of open spaces, favor a larger automobile. In some of the metropolitan areas the small car might actually become a major challenge to the low-priced American cars, but in most of the rural areas, the lower-priced American models are going to remain the favorite for a long time.

One reason for this is that there is not enough difference in cost. Another is that our larger cars are generally light, seat more passengers and carry more luggage, and more catching to the eye. We do not think they are built to last, and we agree that one has to replace parts too often.

Nevertheless, we do not believe the United States is heading toward the small-car era. Many of the 1958 models are the largest ever produced.

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Very few drivers are killed by giving another motorist the right-of-way.

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It is very easy for people to persuade themselves that they are being mistreated.

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Advertising is like fishing: You must use the bait at the right place, and at the right time if you expect results.

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The trouble with most books today is that authors write them with an eye toward what most readers want to read. That makes them no better than average.

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You might as well laugh at yourself at times; everyone else does.

## THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Bible Material: Matthew 20:17-29; John 3:4-21; Acts 4:13-20; Romans 4:3-11; 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Devotional Reading: John 15:1-11

## In Remembrance

**Lesson for March 30, 1958**

IT IS curious, important and tragic all at the same time: the very acts which are specially precious to all kinds of Christians have been through the centuries the center of debates and quarrels and splits in churches. The church as a whole cannot even agree on what to call these sacred acts. the simple acts we call Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Most churches call them "sacraments," but as that is not a Bible word, some churches call them "ordinances," though as a matter of fact that word is not used in connection with Baptism or the Lord's Supper anywhere in the New Testament. I Cor. 11:2 is a misnomer in the King James version, where the Greek word there means simply traditions.

Dr. Foreman

### Outward Signs

Let the reader call these what he will. If he goes to almost any Christian church he will observe. Christians do baptize, (these symbolic acts or rites called events above Baptism and the Lord's Supper. You may be the form of baptism varies from church to church, but if one listens carefully, the unchanging Bible words are always used. In Latin, Greek or English or any other tongue, it is the same in all churches.

They are very simple acts. They are, as a matter of fact that is one reason a "symbol"—that is, it means very little in itself, but it carries the weight of a great truth and shines with the glory of a great experience. Baptism is a kind of washing; but even immersion, or "trine immersion" where the person is put under the water three times, is not a real bath. Likewise the amount of bread and wine in a communion service would not satisfy a hungry man. (If any man is hungry, let him eat at home," said Saint Paul.) These acts are tokens of something else. One of the best descriptions of them, and the most famous, is "outward signs of inward grace." These sacraments, or ordinances, or just acts" if you don't like technical words, are visible things, very simple things too. But when the church **thinks** of them, she thinks beneath the surface. She thinks of the inward grace and the outward sign at the same time.

### Inward Grace

The inward grace which the church finds in the sacraments, or ordinances, is not a human grace, such as (for example) the worshipper's own humility or love or purity. Such graces are always fallible—they can break down too easily—and often feeble. The grace, of which the acts are symbols, is God's grace. His loving favor. His profound concern. the overflowing of His Father-heart.

### The Gospel in Sign Language

A famous theologian once called the sacraments the Gospel in sign language. Now to mystical and emotional Christians they are more than this; but not all Christians are mystics, probably most of them are not. And this much is true for all Christians. However much more may be discovered in the observance of baptism and the Lord's Supper, reminds the worshipper of vital Gospel truths For example, the water of baptism could not rightly be replaced by wine or oil; for water is a sign of cleansing and reminds us that our sins have soiled us, we need the cleansing power of the Spirit. The broken bread and the outpoured wine taken in remembrance of our Lord, bring back to us, even without words, His sacrifice for us.

In these days when the church is more than ever world-wide, a traveling Christian may find himself in a distant land in a church where he does not understand a single word. Yet if there is a baptism, or if the Lord's Supper is observed, then at once he knows himself by these signs to be at home.

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Steel production last month lowest since 1949.

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Ban on road ads urged at hearing.

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Scientists trace blood-clotting process.

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Chemise a huge success, U. S. stores report.

## Washington Notes

### DRAFT TAX CUT

Congressional Democrats are reported drafting a proposal for a $40 lump-sum tax cut to boost the lagging economy if business and employment fail to turn upward soon.

As outlined by a responsible official, the proposal would involve a $40 rebate on tax withholders in the pay periods immediately after passage of any such bill. This amount of tax liability would be wiped out.

### TAX CUT REQUEST DELAYED

President Eisenhower and his economic advisers have been in consultation about remedies for the recession, but have decided to wait awhile before proposing a tax cut.

No decision regarding taxes has been made," Secretary of the Treasury Anderson reported after the recent top-level conference on what to do about the slump in business and jobs.

Anderson added: "What decision regarding taxes is taken will be reached only when the impact of current developments in the future course of the economy has been clarified, and after consultation with congressional leaders."

### TAX RULING BASED

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that taxpayers who had expense accounts would not be required to keep detailed record of them for tax returns covering their income for 1958.

Employees who accounts to his employer for his business expenses will not be required to report such expenses on his tax return, either itemized or as a total amount.

### 625 MILLION NEEDED

The Administration's $625,000,000 request for the new Development Loan Fund has been described as "the barest minimum" for carrying the program forward in the new fiscal year.

The fund was established by Congress last year in the foreign-aid program for long-term, low-interest loans to needy countries. It got started with a $300,000,000 appropriation for the current fiscal year. An additional $625,000,000 is now sought for the fiscal year beginning next July 1.

### NO RESURGENCE

Asst. Secretary of Labor Newell Brown says "there is no room at the moment for hope for a dramatic resurgence in the economy in the next few months.

He said that is because unemployment "is concentrated in steel and auto centers, in machinery-making centers and in aircraft centers."

Brown noted that despite high unemployment there still are two million more persons working than in February, 1955.

### THOSE ROAD ADS

Earlier this month a Senate committee was told that unless Congress acted, the nation's new Interstate Highway System would become "a billboard alley."

The pleas were presented to a roads subcommittee by spokesmen for garden clubs, park and planning groups, roadside protective associations and wildlife groups.


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## Vera

Vera, March 25.- "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmaments, and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever." -Daniel 15: 3.

Well, it really seems that March is giving us snow and cold weather. The worse winter that we have had for years.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey were in Alexandria on Wednesday when they had a bad snow storm. They said it was the worse snow storm that they had ever seen.

We are sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. L. H. Watson's mother, Mrs. Edith Watson. She died on Friday at Mount Royal, New Jersey. She will be buried at Hollywood Church Cemetery Tuesday. We extend sympathy to the family.

Miss Harriette Harvey spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson.

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### Those who attended "This is Your Life, Miss Kate Franklin," at Elon Baptist Church on Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson Hix and Mr. and Mrs. William Hix.

Mr. Sean Hix, of Thomasville, N. C., will be the guest of his brother, Mr. W. D. Hix from Tuesday until Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Williams were Sunday guests of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins McPhillips in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Harwood Hix announce the birth of a daughter, Gwendolyn Ann, on March 21, in Norfolk.

### CALL MEETING OF F. B. L. A.

A call meeting of the Future Business Leaders of America, of Appomattox High School, was held on Monday, March 17. The purpose of the meeting was to elect the club officers for next year. The following were elected:

President, Louise Wood
Vice-president, Jo Ann Beamer
Secretary, Etta Beale
Treasurer, Lda Covington.

Frances Saunders was elected to run as a candidate for reporter of the District Federation. Rachel Aus- will represent Miss F. B. L. A. at the Federation meeting Saturday. All of these girls will attend a Federation meeting at Longwood College Saturday. Mrs. Celia Beamer, sponsor of the F. B. L. A., will accompany the girls to the meeting.

The F. B. L. A. from Appomattox High School plans to enter a bulletin board and a scrapbook on the activities carried on, in the F. B. L. A. in the Federation contest. Isabelle Coleman will enter in the Spelling Contest, and Lois Ashworth in the Parliamentary Law Contest.

—Reporter, Ruth Austin.


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## Health and Beauty

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Coloring the hair has become accepted as a normal thing to do if you are not satisfied with nature's choice. Many women possess hair of lifeless color, and by adding just a touch of color, warmth and emphasis can be given to their entire personality.

Quite frequently women, at an age to turn gray, are advised to let their hair turn gray and stay gray. Nothing can age a face more and be less becoming to a mature face than a mop of brightly colored hair that is not natural.

Hair-coloring by modern methods, under the direction of a professional, is not injurious to the hair. The manufacturer's directions must be followed to the letter.

There is very little difference between a dye and a tint. Both are liquid and are mixed with peroxide to develop the color. Both color by penetration of the hair shaft, and do not wash off. Many women think a tint is temporary coloring and not as lasting as a dye. The modern tint colors gray hair completely, and wears about as well as dye. A tint and a rinse are two different things. The latter is applied after shampoo, and washes out readily. A rinse is a temporary coloring.

When choosing the new color for your hair it is best not to be drastic. The best guide is a shade lighter or a shade darker. Work from there and make any more change necessary, slowly.

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Jordan to start building irrigation canal.

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House passes budget reform measure.

### GARDEN, LAWN EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE INSPECTED NOW

Proper care of garden and lawn equipment is important for satisfactory use — and the time for inspection and repair is now, says Easley Smith, assistant agricultural engineer at VPI.

He says to clean, lubricate, adjust, sharpen dull blades, and replace worn and damaged parts as needed now to prevent unnecessary delay during the coming months.

Whenevr a new piece of equipment is bought, be sure to get an operator's manual. Most manufacturers of lawn mowers, garden tractors, sprayers, etc., provide one, Study the manual for the proper operating pocedures and keep it for later reference.

Provide a place to store the equipment where it will be protected from the weather, quickly accessible when needed, and where it will not cause a safety hazard, Keep the equipment clean. Remove mud and excess grease, and other foreign matter after each use.

Care of Small Engines

Small engines on lawn mowers and garden tractors should be serviced regularly. If your engine is one requiring oil to be mixed with the fuel, follow the manufacturer's recommendations. On four-cycle engines drain and replace crankcase oil as recommended.

Service engine air cleaners regularly. If the equipment has an oil bath type air cleaner, clean and replace the oil when it becomes dirty, and be sure the oil is kept at the correct level in the air cleaner. Remove and clean mesh-type air filters frequently with a solvent, and oil before replacing.

Keep the fuel tank clean and always drain both the fuel tank and carburetor before storing a motor for a period of several months.

Keep the engine clean — dirt can seriously affect proper cooling.

Lubricate Chain Drives

Inspect chain and belt drives periodically and keep them adjusted to the proper tension. Powdered graphite and oil make a good lubricant for roller chain drives, such as are often found on reel-type lawn mowers.

Keep the lawn mower blades sharp, Sharp blades will do a neater job, require less power, and are safer.

Keep all safety shields in place on lawn mowers, garden tractors, and other powered equipment.

For best results, sprayers should be thoroughly cleaned and rinsed with a mild ammonia solution after each use.

Garden hoses should be protected from freezing and unnecessary exposure to direct sunlight. When not in use, drain and roll up.

Clean and lubricate all seeding and fertilizing equipment after each use to prevent rust and corrosion. Never leave fertilizer in a distributor. It collects moisture, increases corrosion, and will cause the feeding mechanism to "freeze."

### EGG FACTS

Chicago.- Lent season spotlights the egg, and the National Egg Foundation says that during the season, Americans will make a tremendous dent in the estimated 60 billion eggs that chickens lay this year in the United States.

In some cities white eggs cost more than brown eggs, but in Boston, where brown eggs are preferred, the situation is reversed.

All told, the 423 millions hens last year earned a total of 2 1-2 billion dollars for their five million owners. They outproduced the hens in any nation, with two out of every five eggs laid in the world being laid in America.

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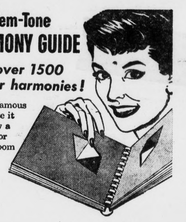
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